Exhibit A

RE: E. Jean Carroll v. Donald J. Trump - Request for Meet and Confer Conference

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As stated in my last email, we intend to seek the same kind of defamation damages on which Judge Kaplan instructed the jury in *Carroll II*.

We do not currently intend to offer evidence or seek damages relating to Ms. Carroll's termination by Elle. Notwithstanding that we have made our position on that clear, Defendant has listed in the JPTO several exhibits and witnesses that relate solely to the issue of Ms. Carroll's termination. We intend to object to any such evidence or testimony. To the extent it is admitted, we reserve the right to supplement our exhibit and witness lists accordingly.

Finally, with respect to expert discovery, we understand the Rule and confirm that there are no communications that fall within the exceptions you have listed.

Best, Shawn

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Shawn,

Given your stance, we will also be filing a letter detailing Defendant's position with respect to the disputed evidentiary issues. Although it remains our position that the submission of the pre-trial order is premature at this juncture, we will be providing our portion of the order shortly. Defendant, however, expressly reserves the right to amend the pre-trial order upon resolution of the evidentiary issues.

Your position with respect to the scope of damages that Plaintiff intends to present at trial remains unclear. You previously represented that "Plaintiff is not seeking damages with respect to emotional or psychological harm in connection with *Carroll II.*" However, you refer to the jury charge in *Carroll II.* in which the Court instructed the jury to consider "compensation for the injury to the plaintiff's reputation and the *humiliation and mental anguish* in her public and private life which you decide was caused by the defendant's statement." Tr. 1433:3-5. As such, we

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request that Plaintiff expressly confirm that she will not present evidence relating to any category of emotional damages at trial.

We appreciate you confirming that Plaintiff will not be seeking damages relating to Plaintiff's termination from Elle. Please also confirm that Plaintiff will not be presenting any evidence relating to same at trial.

Finally, your position that Defendant is not entitled to any written expert discovery is incorrect. Under Federal Rule 26(b)(4)(c), a defendant is entitled to communications between an expert and counsel to the extent that they "identify facts or data that the party's attorney provided and that the expert considered in forming the opinions to be expressed" or "identify assumptions that the party's attorney provided and that the expert relied on in forming the opinions to be expressed." To the extent any such documentation exists with respect to Professor Humphreys' supplemental report, Defendant is entitled to them. Absent your agreement to provide same, we are not willing to consent to Plaintiff's request to submit a supplemental report.

Regards,

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Mike,

Thanks for getting back to us. Given the disparity in our positions on almost every evidentiary issue discussed below, we do not think a joint letter would be the most efficient way of presenting our positions. Moreover, it would be premature to submit a letter on the evidentiary issues prior to filing the Joint Pretrial Order on Friday. The parties will only be able to state their positions on the relevant evidentiary issues once they have seen the exhibits and testimony each side intends to offer. Therefore, we do not see any basis to extend the deadline, which has been in place for nearly a month. We are willing, however, to extend the timeframe to exchange drafts

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of the Joint Pretrial Order to tomorrow morning. We will file our letter to the Court stating our evidentiary positions next week, and you are of course free to do the same.

As to the scope of damages, we are not seeking damages relating to Ms. Carroll's termination from *Elle*. We are otherwise seeking the same kind of damages we sought (and the jury awarded) for your client's October 2022 statement, as Judge Kaplan instructed the jury.

We do not agree that you are entitled to drafts of Dr. Humphreys's supplemental report or communications between Dr. Humphreys and our firm, as these materials are plainly not discoverable. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(4) (providing that the Rules "protect drafts of any report or disclosure" prepared by an expert, as well as "communications between the party's attorney and any" expert witness, "regardless of the form of the communications."). As such, and as you know, neither party produced such communications or drafts for any experts in either Carroll I or Carroll II, and you have not explained why there is any basis to do so now.

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Shawn,

We agree that a conference would be helpful. We think the better course would be for the parties to submit a joint letter to the Court outlining the various evidentiary issues in question and requesting a conference to address the same. Further, given that the Court's decision on these evidentiary issues will affect the scope of testimony/evidence that is admissible at trial, we believe it would be appropriate to jointly request a brief extension of time to submit the Pretrial Order until after these issues have been resolved.

Also, I note that you did not provide any response to our request concerning the scope of damages Plaintiff is seeking at trial. Can you clarify Plaintiff's position on this point? Thank you.

As for written discovery, we intend to seek correspondence between your office and Dr. Humphreys concerning the changes to the supplemental report, redline drafts exchanged, etc.

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Mike,

We do not agree to your evidentiary requests regarding Defendant's sexual misconduct, Defendant's prior statements, or the Access Hollywood Tape. We intend to file a letter with the Court teeing up these and other similar issues and asking for a conference in order to avoid having to burden the Court with another large set of in limine motions, many of which have already been decided.

With respect to expert discovery, it is unclear to us why you would be entitled to written discovery requests following a supplemental expert report that will neither change Dr. Humphreys's analysis nor incorporate any new information or evidence. Unless you are able to provide more specific information concerning what written discovery you are actually seeking, any questions you have regarding the report will be best addressed at the deposition, and we do not consent to any additional discovery.

Best, Shawn

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Counsel,

We would be willing to agree to a 90-minute deposition of Dr. Humphreys if we are afforded the opportunity to serve limited written discovery demands which will relate only to the changes in the supplemental report.

As to the evidentiary issues, please find our position below:

Decisions from Carroll II:

- 1. *Choice of Counsel*: Defendant does not consent to this request at this time. This request is premature in light of the pending motion to substitute a new rebuttal expert.
- 2. **Litigation Funding**: Defendant does not consent to this request in its current form. While Defendant will not introduce evidence of litigation funding to demonstrate that Plaintiff fabricated her allegation of the sexual assault, such evidence may be admissible for other purposes (*i.e.*, damages).
- 3. **DNA Evidence**: At this time, Defendant does not consent to this request. This request is premature in light of the pending motion to substitute a new rebuttal expert.
- 4. **Prior Relationship with John Johnson**: Contingent upon Plaintiff's confirmation that she will not seek damages for emotional or psychological harm (as discussed *infra*), Defendant agrees to not present evidence or testimony relating to Plaintiff's fight with John Johnson. However, Defendant is not willing to consent to the remainder of the request, as it is premature in light of the pending motion to substitute a new rebuttal expert.
- 5. Federal Rule of Evidence 412: Defendant does not contest the applicability of Rule 412 to this action.

Collateral Estoppel:

- 1. *Underlying Assault*: Defendant does not consent to this request in its current form. While Defendant will not introduce evidence intended to prove whether the incident occurred, such evidence may be admissible for other purposes (*i.e.*, damages).
- 2. **Fabrication of Assault**: Defendant does not consent to this request in its current form. While Defendant will not introduce evidence intended to prove that Plaintiff fabricated the incident, such evidence may be admissible for other purposes (*i.e.*, damages).
- 3. *Motive for Bringing Lawsuit*: Defendant does not consent to this request.

In addition, below are the evidentiary issues that we want Plaintiff to address:

- 1. **Defendant's Alleged Sexual Misconduct**: All evidence, examination, and argument relating to allegations of sexual impropriety against Defendant must be precluded. This includes, but is not limited to, any testimony from other complainants, such as Natasha Stoynoff and Jessica Leeds. Any such evidence is clearly irrelevant to a damages-only trial.
- 2. **Defendant's Prior Rebuttal Statements**: All evidence, examination, and argument relating to statements that Defendant made in response to other women who made claims against him should be precluded as irrelevant to the damages-only trial.

- 3. Access Hollywood Tape: Plaintiff shall be precluded from presenting any evidence with respect to the comments Defendant made in the "Access Hollywood" tape. The comments bear no relevance to the issue of damages.
- 4. Scope of Damages: We understand from your previous assertion that the Plaintiff does not intend to seek damages for any emotional distress or pain and suffering that may have arisen from the challenged statements. Nor does it appear that the Amended Complaint is seeking damages relating to lost wages or her termination from Elle. It is our understanding that Plaintiff is seeking damages relating solely to the reputational harm purportedly caused by the subject statements, as further discussed in Professor Humphreys Report. Please confirm whether this is accurate, or whether Plaintiff intends to introduce evidence of additional damages.

Please let us know your position on these evidentiary issues by **Tuesday, November 7**. We reserve the right to supplement this list as needed.

We will make ourselves available for a call early next week if you would like to discuss any of the above issues.

Regards,

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Thanks, Mike. We expect to be in a position to provide you with Dr. Humphreys's supplemental report by Monday 11/13. With respect to your request for additional discovery, we will agree to a 90-minute deposition of Dr. Humphreys that is limited to the topic of her supplemental report. We do not agree that any additional discovery is warranted at this point. As you know, the expert discovery deadline passed long ago, and you have now had the benefit of deposing Dr. Humphreys twice and cross-examining her at trial.

We look forward to your email concerning the evidentiary issues we raised.

Best, Shawn

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Counsel,

Thank you for the e-mail. Our response is as follows:

Dr. Ashlee Humphreys's Expert Report

We would consent to the submission of a supplemental report which is modified only to account for the withdrawal of the June 24 Statement and does not otherwise change Dr. Humphrey's analysis or incorporate any new information. In addition, we would require limited discovery, including a deposition, which would relate only to the changes reflected in the report and the basis for same.

Defendant's Request to Substitute a New Expert

We will be filing a letter motion with the Court with respect to this issue since it appears the parties are unable to resolve this issue absent court intervention.

Evidentiary Issues

We are reviewing the point that you have brought to our attention and will respond in turn. In addition, we intend to counter-present a number of evidentiary not enumerated in your email that we would ask for a response on. An e-mail will follow tommorrow.

Regards, Michael

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Counsel,

Thank you for the meet and confer yesterday. Below please find our position on Dr. Humphreys's expert report and certain evidentiary issues in the pending trial.

Dr. Ashlee Humphreys's Expert Report

In light of Plaintiff's decision not to pursue defamation liability for the June 24, 2019, statement, we agree to submit a brief supplemental expert report recalculating damages based on the June 21 and 22, 2019, statements alone. The supplemental report will neither change Dr. Humphreys's analysis nor incorporate any new information. Moreover, as we previewed yesterday, we expect the supplemental report will decrease Dr. Humphreys's damages estimate. We therefore do not agree that you are entitled to file yet another rebuttal report. And, as we stated in our letter to the Court on October 17, 2023, ECF 220, we maintain that the June 24, 2019, statement is relevant to malice and punitive damages.

Evidentiary Issues

As discussed yesterday, there are several evidentiary issues that we believe can be resolved prior to trial without requiring motion practice. They include, but are not limited to, (1) evidentiary rulings from Carroll II that should

carry over into *Carroll I*; and (2) evidence, questioning, and argument that is precluded by Judge Kaplan's rulings on collateral estoppel and summary judgment.

Decisions from Carroll II. The Court held that its analysis of evidentiary issues resolved in Carroll I is "entirely applicable" to Carroll II. Carroll II, ECF 95. The opposite is also true—all evidence that was precluded in Carroll II should be precluded in Carroll I, including the following:

- 1. *Choice of Counsel.* This Court already held that the "Defendant is precluded from commenting upon or eliciting any evidence regarding plaintiff's choice of counsel or her counsel's activities outside the litigation between plaintiff and defendant." *Carroll II*, ECF 95 at 21–22; *see also* Trial Tr. 75:2–13. This ruling similarly applies here, and all evidence, argument, and questioning addressing Plaintiff's choice of counsel and their retention should similarly be precluded.
- 2. *Litigation Funding*. The subject of litigation funding was entirely precluded in *Carroll II*. Trial Tr. 240:3–19. Not only did the Court find that the subject was irrelevant "in general," but also held that the "unfair prejudicial effect of going into the subject would very substantially outweigh any probative value whatsoever." Trial Tr. 240:14–17. There has been no change in circumstances that would alter the premise on which the Court based its decision (indeed, as Ms. Carroll testified in her deposition, the funding was not received until <u>after Carroll I</u> was filed on November 4, 2019, ECF 6-1, so it is even less relevant in this case). Evidence or testimony regarding whether the litigation was funded and by whom, therefore, should be precluded in *Carroll I* just as it was in *Carroll II*.
- 3. **DNA**. Evidence, examination, or argument regarding the existence of DNA and whether Plaintiff laundered her dress should be precluded. The Court was clear in its instruction that "DNA will not be uttered in this courtroom." Trial Tr. at 109:1–2; see also id. 473:24–474:2 (prohibiting discussion of laundering the dress); Carroll II, ECF 95 at 17 ("[T]he Court excludes any evidence or argument by either party concerning DNA."). The Court determined that any cross-examination or argument about the existence of DNA evidence would result in unfair prejudice to Plaintiff that "substantially" outweighs any probative value of such evidence. Carroll II, ECF 95 at 17. This ruling should apply here, particularly because the issue of whether your client sexually abused Ms. Carroll has been decided and will not be relitigated in the Carroll I trial. See ECF 214.
- 4. *Prior Relationships and Fight with John Johnson*. Any evidence, questioning, or argument raising the name that Plaintiff called John Johnson during one of their fights is also precluded. Tr. 208:20–209:4 (finding it irrelevant but noting that "even if it were relevant, in all the circumstances, I think it is a subject on which the unfair prejudicial effect, outrageously, not substantially, outrageously outweighs any probative value"). Moreover, because Ms. Carroll is not seeking damages with respect to emotional or psychological harm in connection with *Carroll I*, any questioning or evidence relating to any of her prior relationships, sexual assaults, or sexual relationships should also be precluded.
- 5. **Federal Rule of Evidence 412.** Relatedly, in addition to being irrelevant, all evidence of Ms. Carroll's sexual predisposition should also be precluded under Rule 412. *See Carroll II*, ECF 122, 157. In addition to her prior sexual relationships and any prior sexual assaults, this also includes her cat's name, as the Court specifically held at trial. Trial Tr. 642:1–643:5.

Collateral Estoppel. Similarly, the jury's findings and the Court's analysis of collateral estoppel preclude evidence, questioning, and argument as to several topics, including:

- 1. *Underlying Assault*. All evidence, examination, and argument about the facts of the underlying assault and whether it occurred are precluded. The *Carroll II* jury unanimously determined that Defendant sexually abused Plaintiff. On that basis, the Court held that the *Carroll I* trial is limited to "the issue of damages only." *Carroll I*, ECF 214 at 4. Any evidence or examination regarding the underlying assault would be irrelevant and outside the bounds of the Court's decision regarding collateral estoppel.
- 2. *Fabrication of Assault*. The Court held that the jury's finding in *Carroll II* "necessarily implies that [the jury] determined by clear and convincing evidence that Ms. Carroll did not fabricate her sexual assault

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accusation." ECF 214 at 16. As the Court noted, Defendant "does not dispute, and implicitly concedes by his repeated assertions, that the jury in *Carroll II* found by clear and convincing evidence that his 2022 statement was false because it determined that Ms. Carroll did not fabricate her sexual assault accusation." *Id.* at 16 n.29. In light of this, any evidence, examination, and argument regarding any motive Plaintiff had to fabricate the assault is precluded. This includes any alleged political or financial motivation, as well as the Law & Order: Special Victims Unit episode, titled "Theater Tricks," as its only relevance would be to fabrication of the assault. At trial in *Carroll II*, the Court made it clear that discussion of the SVU episode was precluded to the extent that it is was used to infer that Ms. Carroll fabricated her claims, and thus it has no relevance here. *See* Trial Tr. at 1366:25–1367:15.

3. *Motive for Bringing the Lawsuit.* Similarly, any evidence, examination, and argument regarding Plaintiff's motivation for filing suit, including her choice of counsel, how she retained counsel, and her conversation with George Conway, must similarly be precluded as they are irrelevant to the damages caused by Mr. Trump's June 2019 statements.

Please let us know your position on these evidentiary issues by **November 3**. We reserve the right to supplement this list as needed.

Thank you, Shawn

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Counsel:

As you know, we represent the Defendant, Donald J. Trump, in the above-referenced matter. We would like to schedule a meet and confer conference call on Monday, October 30, 2023, to discuss several issues involving the parties' expert reports. Please let us know your availability for a meet and confer conference at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Regards, Peter

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